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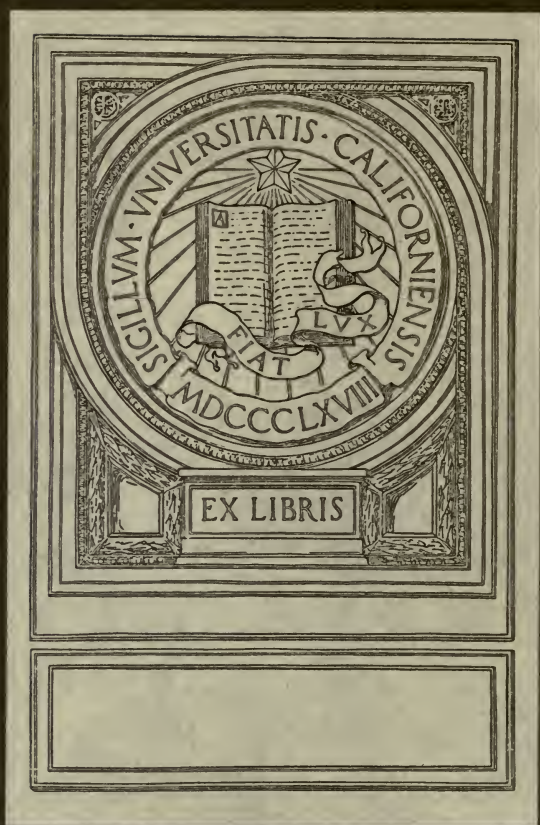
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To provide other Regulations for
the Making and Sale of Bread,
and preventing the Adulteration of
Meal, Flour, and Bread, within
Ten Miles round London.



I. Bread made of the Articles herein mentioned may be sold.—
It shall and may be lawful for the several Bakers or Sellers of Bread
within the City of *London* and the Liberties thereof, and within Ten
Miles of the *Royal Exchange*; to make and sell, or offer for sale,
Bread made of Flour, or Meal of Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Buck
Wheat, Indian Corn, Peas, Beans, Rice or Potatoes, or any of them,
and with any common Salt, pure Water, Eggs, Milk, Barm, Leaven,
Potatoe, or other Yeast, and mixed in such Proportions as they shall
think fit, and with no other Ingredient or Matter whatsoever, subject
to the Regulations hereinafter contained.

II. Bakers to make Bread of any Weight or Size.—It shall and may be lawful for the several Bakers or Sellers of Bread within the Limits aforesaid, to make and sell, or offer for Sale, Bread made of such Weight or Size as such Bakers or Sellers of Bread shall think fit; any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. Bread to be sold by Weight, and in no other Manner, under Penalty not exceeding £10.—That from after the Commencement of this Act, all Bread sold within the Limits shall be sold by Weight; and in case any Baker, or Seller of Bread within the limits aforesaid shall sell; or cause to be sold, Bread in any other Manner than by Weight, then and in such case every such Baker or Seller of Bread shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding 40s, which the Magistrates or Justices, before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, shall order and direct.—Not to extend to French or Fancy Bread, or Rolls.

IV. Penalty not exceeding 5l. nor less than 40s. on Bakers using any other Weight than Avoirdupoise Weight,—The several Bakers or Sellers of Bread, shall use the Avoirdupoise Weight of Sixteen Ounces to the Pound, and the several Gradations of the same for any less Quantity than a Pound; and in case of using any other than the Avoirdupoise Weight, and the several Gradations of the same, they shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings, as the Magistrates, or Justices, shall from Time to Time order and adjudge.

V. The Peck Loaf and its Subdivisions not to be made or sold during the next Two Years: under Penalty not exceeding 10l. nor less than 40s.—It shall not be lawful for any Baker or Seller of Bread, during the Space of Two Years from the Commencement of this Act. to make, sell, or offer for Sale any Loaf or Loaves of the Description or Denomination of the Peck, Half Peck, Quarter of a Peck, or Half-quarter of a Peck Loaf or Loaves; and every such Baker or Seller of Bread who shall at any Time during the said Term make, sell, or cause to be sold, or offer for Sale, any Loaf or Loaves of Bread of the Description or Denomination aforesaid, or either of them, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, as the Magistrate or Justice, before whom any such Offender shall be convicted, shall order and direct.

VI. Penalty not exceeding 10s. for selling Bread not previously weighed.—In case any Baker or Seller of Bread shall before the expiration of Two Years from the Commencement of this Act, sell or deliver in his, her, or their Shop, House or Premises, any Bread which shall not have been weighed in the Presence of the Party purchasing the same, whether required by the Party so to do or not, except as aforesaid, then such Baker or Seller so offending, shall, upon Conviction, forfeit and pay for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, as the Magistrates or Justices, before whom such Conviction shall take place, shall order and adjudge.

VII. Bakers to provide in their Shops Beams, Scales and Weights, &c. and to weigh Bread, &c. under a Penalty not exceeding 5l.—Every Baker or Seller of Bread, shall caused to be placed in some conspicuous Part of his, her, or their Shop, a Beam and Scales with proper Weights, in order that all Bread be weighed in the Presence of the Purchaser, and in case of neglect to fix such Beam, or other sufficient Balance, or shall have or use any incorrect or false Beam, or Scales, or Balance, or false Weight, then he, she, or they shall, for every such false Beam, &c. forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

VIII. Bakers and Sellers of Bread, and other Persons delivering by Cart, &c. to be provided with Beams, Scales, and Weights, &c. for weighing Bread.—Every Baker or Seller of Bread, or other Person employed by such Baker or Seller, who shall convey or carry out Bread for Sale, shall be provided with, and shall constantly carry a correct Beam and Scales with proper Weights, or Balance, in order that all Bread Sold may be Weighed in the Presence of the Purchaser, under a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

IX. Bread not to be adulterated under a Penalty not exceeding £10. nor less than £5.—No Baker or other Persons who shall make Bread for Sale, nor any Servant shall at any Time, in the making of Bread use any Mixture or Ingredient whatsoever in the Making of of such Bread, except as herein-before mentioned, on any Account or under any Colour or Pretence whatsoever, upon Pain that every such Person, whether Master or Journeyman, Servant or other Person, who shall offend in the Premises, and shall be convicted of any such Offence, by the Oath, or in case of a Quaker, by Affirmation, of One, or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by his, her, or their own Confession, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not

exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, or in Default thereof shall, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the Magistrates or Justices, before whom such Offender shall be convicted, be apprehended and committed to the House of Correction, or some Prison of the City, County, Borough, or Place, where the Offence shall have been committed, or the Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months from the Time of such commitment, unless the Penalty shall be sooner paid, as any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, shall think fit and order; and it shall be lawful for the Magistrates or Justices, before whom any such Offenders shall be convicted, to cause the Offender's Name, Place of Abode, and Offence, to be published in some Newspaper which shall be printed or published in or near the City of *London*, or the Liberty of *Westminster*, and to defray the Expence of publishing the same out of the Money to be forfeited as last mentioned, in case any shall be forfeited, paid, or recovered.

X. Corn, Meal, or Flour not to be adulterated, nor shall any Flour of one Sort of Corn be sold as the Flour of any other Sort, on Penalty not exceeding £20. nor less than £5.—If any Person shall put into any Corn, Meal, or Flour, which shall be ground or manufactured for Sale, any Ingredient or Mixture whatsoever, not being the real and genuine Produce of the Corn or Grain which shall be so ground; or if any Person shall knowingly sell, or offer or expose for Sale, either separately or mixed, any Meal or Flour of one Sort of Corn or Grain, as the Meal or Flour of any other Sort of Corn or Grain, or any Ingredient whatsoever mixed with the Meal or Flour so sold or offered or exposed for Sale; then every Person so offending shall, upon Conviction before any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, which such Magistrate or Justice, before whom any such Offenders shall be convicted, shall think fit and order.

XI. Bread made of mixed Meal or Flour to be marked with a Roman M. Penalty for neglect not exceeding 10s.—Every Person who shall make for Sale, or sell any Bread, made wholly or partially of the Meal or Flour of any other Sort of Corn or Grain than Wheat, shall cause all such Bread to be marked with a large Roman M; and if any Person shall at any Time, make or sell, or expose for Sale,

such Bread without such Mark, and in every such Case, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every Pound Weight of such Bread, and so in proportion for any less Quantity, which shall be so made for Sale or sold, without being so marked, not exceeding Ten Shillings upon Conviction. Magistrates or Peace Officers by their Warrants, may search a Baker's Premises, and if any adulterated Flour, Bread, &c. be found, the same may be seized and disposed of.

XII. Penalty on Persons whose House, Shop, or other Premises Ingredients for the Adulteration of Meal or Bread shall be found; First Offence not exceeding 10*l*. nor less than 40*s*. : Second Offence, 5*l*. and 10*l*. for every subsequent Offence.—Every Miller, Mealman, or Baker, in whose Premises or Possession, any Ingredient shall be found, which shall be adjudged by any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, to have been deposited there for the Purpose of being used in adulterating Meal, Flour, or Bread, shall, on being convicted, forfeit and pay, on every such Conviction, Money not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than forty Shillings for the First Offence; Five Pounds for the Second Offence, and Ten Pounds for every subsequent Offence; or in default of Payment thereof, shall be apprehended and committed to the House of Correction, or some Prison of the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall have been committed, or the Offender shall be apprehended, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months from the Time of such Commitment, (unless the Penalty be sooner paid.)

XIII. The Names of Offenders to be published in the Newspapers at the discretion of the Magistrates. The Penalty for obstructing any Search authorized by this Act, may be levied by the Magistrates as they please, not exceeding 10*l*. Offences occasioned by the wilful Default of Journeymen and Servants, are to be punished upon Conviction, by a Payment of so much Money as the Magistrates or Justices may think fit, and in case of Default the Offenders may be committed to Prison for Six Months, confined to Hard Labour.

XIV. Bakers shall not bake Bread or Rolls on the Lord's Day; nor sell Bread, nor bake Bread, Pies, &c. except between certain Hours. No Master, Mistress, Journeyman, or other Person respectively, exercised or employed in the Trade or Calling of a Baker, shall, on the Lord's Day, or any Part thereof, make or bake any Bread, Rolls, or Cakes of any Sort or Kind; or shall, on any other

Part of the said Day than between the Hours of Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, on any Presence whatsoever, sell or expose to Sale, any Bread, Rolls, or Cakes, of any Sort or Kind; or bake or deliver, or permit or suffer to be baked or delivered, any Meat, Pudding, Pie, Tart, or Victuals, except as herein-after is excepted, or in any other Manner exercise the Trade or Calling of a Baker, and every Person offending against the last-mentioned Regulations, or making any Sale or Delivery hereby allowed otherwise than within the Bakehouse or Shop, and being thereof convicted before any Justice of the Peace of the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, within Six Days from the Commission thereof, shall for every such Offence pay and undergo the Forfeiture, Penalty, and Punishment as follows; for the First Offence the Penalty of Ten Shillings; for the Second Offence the Penalty of Twenty Shillings; and for the Third and every subsequent Offence respectively the Penalty of Forty Shillings; and shall upon every such Conviction, bear and pay the expences and Costs of the Prosecution, and the Amount thereof, together with such Part of the Penalty as such Justice shall think proper to be allowed to the Prosecutors for Loss of Time in instituting and following up the Prosecution, at a Rate not exceeding Three Shillings *per Diem*, and to be paid to the Prosecutors for his, her and their own Use and Benefit, and the Residue of such Penalty to be paid to such Justice, and within Seven Days after his Receipt thereof to be transmitted by him to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Parish where the Offence shall be committed, to be applied for the Benefit of the Poor thereof; and in case the whole Amount of the Penalty, and of the Costs and Expences aforesaid, be not forthwith paid after Conviction of the Offender, such Justice shall and may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, direct the same to be raised and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender; and in Default or insufficiency of such Distress, commit the Offender to the House of Correction, on a first Offence for the Space of Seven Days, for a Second Offence for the the Space of Fourteen Days, and on a Third or any subsequent Offence for the Space of One Month, unless the Whole of the Penalty, Costs, and Expences be sooner paid and discharged: But, that it shall lawful for every Master or Mistress Baker, residing within the Limits aforesaid, to deliver to his or her Cus-

tomers, on the Lord's Day, any Bakings until Half an Hour past One of the Clock in the Afternoon of that Day, without incurring or being liable to any of the Penalties in this Act contained.

XV. No Miller Mealman, or Baker to act as a Justice of Peace in the Execution of this Act, on Penalty of 100*l*.—No Miller, Mealman, or Baker, shall be capable of acting or shall be allowed to act as a Justice of the Peace under this Act, or in putting in Execution any of the Powers, under a Penalty of 100*l* for every such Offence.

XVI. Penalty not exceeding 10*l*. on Persons opposing the Execution of this Act.—In case any Person shall resist or make forcible Opposition against any Person employed in the due Execution of this Act, every such Person offending therein shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, at the Discretion of the Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, before whom he or she shall be convicted of such Offence.

XVII. Punishment for giving false Evidence.—That if any Person who shall take any Oath or make any Affirmation by this Act directed to be taken or made, shall wilfully forswear himself or herself, or make any false Affirmation, every such Person shall be subject and liable to be prosecuted for Perjury, by Indictment or Information, according to due Course of Law; and if convicted thereof, shall be subject and liable to the Pains and Penalties which Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

XVIII. Appeal allowed on entering into Recognizance.—That if any Person convicted of any Offence punishable by this Act, shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by the Judgment of the Magistrate or Justice before whom he, she, or they shall have been convicted, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons from Time to Time to appeal to the Justices at the next General or General Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be held for the City, County, Division, Liberty, Town, or Place where such Judgment shall have been given; and that the Execution of such Judgment shall in such Case be suspended, the Persons so convicted entering into a Recognizance within Twenty-four Hours of the Time of such Conviction, with Two sufficient Sureties, in Double the Sum which such Person or Persons shall have been adjudged to pay or forfeit, upon Condition to prosecute such Appeal with Effect, and to be forthcoming to abide the Judgment and Determination of the Justices at their said next General or General Quarter Sessions; which Recognizance the Magistrates, or Justices, before whom such Con-

viction shall be had, is and hereby empowered and required to take; and the Justices in the said General or General Quarter Sessions are hereby authorized and required to hear and finally determine the Matter of such Appeal, and to award such Costs as to them shall appear just and reasonable to be paid by either party; and if upon Hearing the said Appeal the Judgment of the Magistrate or Justice before whom the Appellants shall have been convicted shall be confirmed, such Appellants shall forthwith pay down the Sum he, she, or they shall have been adjudged to have forfeited, together with such Costs as the said Justices in their said General or General Quarter Sessions shall award to be paid to the Prosecutor or Informer, for defraying the Expences sustained by reason of any such Appeal; and in Default of the Appellant's paying the same, any Two Justices, or any One Magistrate or Justice of the Peace having Jurisdiction in the Place into which any such Appellants shall escape, or where he, she, or they shall reside, shall and may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, or his Hand and Seal, commit any such Appellants to the common Gaol of the City, County, Division or Place where he, she, or they shall be apprehended, until he, she, or they shall make Payment of such Penalty, and of the Costs and Charges which shall be adjudged on the Conviction; but if the Appellants in any such Appeal shall make good his, her, or their Appeal, and be discharged of the said Conviction, reasonable Costs shall be awarded to the Appellants against such Informer or Informers who would (in case of such Conviction) have been entitled to a Moiety of the Penalty to have been recovered as aforesaid; and which Costs shall and may be recovered by the Appellants against any such Informer or Informers, in like Manner as Costs given at any General or General Quarter Sessions are recoverable: Provided always that no Person shall be detained in Prison for any such Offence for any greater Length of Time than Three Calendar Months.

XIX. Commencement of this Act.—That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of September, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

XX. Public Act.—That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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